

awarded the Ellis Island Award, the Knight of Charity Award, the Presidential Medal from Argentina, the Cross of St. Gregory the Illuminator by His Holiness Vasken I, the Catholicos of all Armenians, the First Order of the Cedars by the President of Lebanon, the Cross of St. James by his Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem, and the 50th Anniversary Medal by the Prime Minister of Armenia. The President of the Republic of Armenia awarded him the honor of National Hero, and the President of Nagorno-Karabagh bestowed upon him the Medal of Honor of Artzakh.

He was a fine man, whom I personally shall miss. I extend my deep condolences to the Manoogian family. My thoughts and prayers are with them.●

BUDDY BEARS FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

● Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, it is my great pleasure today to recognize the Buddy Bears for Abused Children Program. This program is a volunteer effort coordinated with Oregon law enforcement agencies that donates teddy bears to abused children. The growth and popularity of this program serves as an example of its success in promoting a very special cause.

The Buddy Bear program provides a simple but immediate gift to children who are often at their most vulnerable. In many cases these children are being taken from the trauma of an abusive or drug addicted home life or have been completely abandoned by their parents. At a confusing and frightening moment in their young lives, this gift, presented to them by an officer, serves as an important signal of caring and trust.

The driving force behind this program for the last 5 years has been Leonard H. Odom of Salem, OR. Mr. Odom is a member of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and has spent hundreds of volunteer hours each year collecting donations from individuals and businesses in the community. As a result of his tireless efforts with the Buddy Bear program, he was awarded a letter of commendation from the Marion County Sheriff's Office at an awards ceremony on May 17, of this year.

As an example of the impact of the Buddy Bear program, I would like to share a letter that Mr. Odom received. It reads:

Dear Mr. Buddy Bear,

An unusual and touching incident arose when I went to buy the Buddy Bears, and I thought you might find it interesting. A young, black girl, 18 or 19 waited on me. When she saw the bears she picked one up and said, "Hi Mr. Bear," and gave him a hug. I said, "Now don't get too attached to those bears, they are for a very special purpose."

I then proceeded to tell her that we have a friend who works with the Sheriffs department and he collects bears to give to children who have been in a traumatic situation. The girl stopped what she was doing and she had this very startled look on her face. She

said, "I got one of those bears when I was a little girl. My Step-Dad tried to kill my Mother. He went after her with a machete, he beat her, he hit us, and when the police got there they gave me and my sister a teddy bear to hug. I remember it to this day. I think your friend is doing a wonderful thing."

So now you know first hand how appreciated your work is to the victims.

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It is programs like the Buddy Bears for Abused Children, and the energy and commitment of people like Mr. Odom, that make volunteer efforts in Oregon and across the country so successful. I am honored today to recognize this program and individual.●

CELEBRATING TWO RIVERS LANDING VISITOR CENTER

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to call attention to the recently completed Two Rivers Landing Visitor Center located in Easton, PA.

On July 16, 1996 a new state-of-the-art cultural visitor center will open its doors to the public permitting visitors to experience the unique wonders of Easton and its surrounding communities. The visitor center embodies a highly successful public-private partnership between the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, private industry, community leaders and local lenders. The Two Rivers Landing Visitor Center represents the anchor project in the Easton Economic Development Corporation's strategic plan for revitalizing Easton.

Primarily, the visitor center will celebrate the historic accomplishments of Binney & Smith, Inc., makers of Crayola crayons through a Crayola Factory display. In addition, the visitor center will highlight the natural beauty and assets of the Easton region through a National Canal Museum and National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Parks Center.

Unquestionably, the highlight of the Two Rivers Landing Visitor Center will be the Crayola factory. The factory will allow visitors the opportunity to experience first-hand how a Crayola crayon is molded, labeled, and packaged. The Crayola factory component will allow visitors the opportunity to creatively interact with Crayola products in a range of different mediums.

Mr. President, for generations Americans of all ages have experienced the joy and magic of Crayola crayons. Crayola crayons have become a part of our lives not only as children, but also as parents and grandparents. It is estimated that 20,000 visitors travel to the Binney & Smith, Inc. Forks Township, PA manufacturing facility each year to witness the creation of these crayons. The number of visitors is even more astounding when one realizes that the current manufacturing plant tour uses no advertising or promotions whatsoever. With these facts in mind, I hope my colleagues will join me in observing a National Day of Color in honor of this opening.

I hope that the visitors center will also act as a local hub to direct tourists to the region's other enriching attractions—children's shows and performances at the nearby State Theater, the canal boat ride and locktender's house located at Huge Moore Park, the fish ladder on the Delaware River, activities occurring at Lafayette College, local restaurants, local retailers, other regional events, and Bushkill Park.

Mr. President, it has been 3 years since proposals were unveiled to create a visitor center that would help revitalize downtown Easton. Those who have had the privilege to tour the facility prior to its grand opening indicate that the facility has successfully captured the spirit and history of the Easton region.

The Two Rivers Landing Visitor Center will expose many new visitors to the rich heritage of Easton, while at the same time, stimulating the economy of the region. I would like to congratulate the parties involved in this undertaking on a job well done.●

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1996, AND TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1996

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 12; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, and the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 12:30 with Senator COVERDELL or his designee in control of the time from 9:30 to 11 a.m., and Senator FORD in control of the time from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Senator DASCHLE or his designee to be in control of the time from 12 to 12:30; further, immediately following morning business, the Senate stand in adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, and that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, unfortunately we have been unable to complete action on the Defense appropriations bill. The Senate will therefore be in session tomorrow for a period of morning business. No votes will occur during tomorrow's session. The Senate will then reconvene again on Tuesday, at 9 a.m. and, in accordance with the